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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. HERE IS THE DRAFT OF A PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION:

2. BEGIN TEXT: AMBASSADOR AMIR, MR. RAVIV, LADIES AND
GENTLEMEN:

3. TODAY MARKS A VERY SPECIAL DAY IN MY LIFE.

4. FIRST, I AM HONORED TO REPRESENT MY COUNTRY AS
AMBASSADOR. I AM DOUBLY HONORED THAT THE COUNTRY IN
WHICH I AM TO SERVE IS ISRAEL.

5. YOUR COUNTRY OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS.
EVERY PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS SINCE THE DAYS OF HARRY
TRUMAN HAVE PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.
IN DOING THIS, THEY HAVE MIRROED THE SENTIMENTS OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

6.. SECOND, I FEEL THAT I AM FORTUNATE IN ARRIVING
HERE AT A SPRINGTIME OF HOPE FOR INCREASED PEACE IN THE
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MIDDLE EAST.

7. ISRAEL'S MILITARY STRENGTH AND CIVILIAN ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS HAVE IMPRESSED THE WORLD. AND NOW YOU HAVE
JUST COMPLETED A DEMONSTRATION OF DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH
AND VIGOR IN YOUR NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

8. MY GOVERNMENT - AND I, AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE -
CONGRATULATE AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR NEW
LEADERS. WE KNOW THAT THE LEADERS IN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES
ARE BUTTRESSED BY THE BONDS OF KINSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

9. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOTED MANY TIMES THESE SPECIAL
TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. HE HAS
REPEATEDLY STRESSED THE DETERMINATION OF HIS ADMINIS-
TRATION TO PRSS FOR AN END TO THE WAR WHICH HAS
PLAGUED THE MIDDLE EAST AND YOU FOR OVER A QUARTER
CENTURY.

10. THE PRESIDENT HAS STATED THAT HE CONSIDERS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL "ONE OF THE
FINEST ACTS OF THE WORLD NATIONS," AND HE HOLDS AS
"THE FIRST PRE-REQUISITE TO A LASTING PEACE THE
RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL BY HER NEIGHBORS; ISRAEL'S
RIGHT TO EXIST, ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST PERMANENTLY,
ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IN PEACE."

11. MANY WORLD LEADERS HAVE VOICED A COMMITMENT FOR
A MAJOR STEP TOWARD PEACE DURING 1977.

12. WE ALL KNOW THIS WILL NOT BE EASY. BUT THE UNITED
STATES STANDS READY TO OFFER ITS GOOD OFFICES WHERE
CALLED UPON. WE HAVE PLEDGED THAT WE DO NOT SEEK TO
IMPOSE OUR WILL BUT RATHER TO HELP OTHERS FIND THE
SOLUTIONS TO PEACE.

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13. IN PURSUANCE OF THIS GOAL, PRESIDENT CARTER AND
SECRETARY VANCE HAVE BEEN MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE
NATIONS MOST CONCERNED WITH PEACE IN THIS AREA, AND
WE EXPECT THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO VISIT ISRAEL AND
OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AGAIN SOON.

14. THESE AND MANY OTHER REASONS CONTRIBUTE TO MY
EXCITEMENT OVER THE PROSPECT OF SERVING MY COUNTRY
AND YOU AS THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL.

15. I LOOK FORWARD WITH THE CONVICTION THAT NO
MATTER HOW DIFFICULT THE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US,
WORKING TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WE CAN
FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
ISRAEL AND, IN DOING SO, HELP LAY A FOUNDATION FOR
PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. END TEXT.

16. APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING RE THIS STATEMENT SO WE

CAN HAVE A TEXT PREPARED TO HAND OUT ON YOUR ARRIVAL.
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